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1. The tractor factory of Krasny Proletari in Moscow, which had been turned into a tank factory, was returned to tractor production as of 1 Jan 54. New factories to replace the tank production have become available at Sverdlovsk.
2. The Rostselmas tractor factory in Tallin resumed tank production in Jan 1954 in workshops formerly attached to the tractor section.
3. The full conversion of Soviet tank factories to tractor production was attempted in the Ukraine beginning as early as 1950, under the government of D.S. Korotshenko, who was desirous of increasing agricultural production. This led to confusion in the Kharkov district. Due to the opposition of the Red Army to the conversion, and failure to replace tank production, Korotshenko's government was dismissed on 17 Jan 54 and M.S. Grachouk, who was directly responsible for the conversion was ejected. N.T. Kalchenko has been appointed Premier of the Ukraine.

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